



Announcement: Request for Proposals (RFP) **#8571 Expanding Capacity for Street Outreach and Violence Interruption Services**, released June 2, 2022

In support of Mayor Lori E Lightfoot's commitment to addressing gun violence in Chicago, the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH)'s Office of Violence Prevention and Behavioral Health has issued a new Request for Proposals (RFP) **#8571 Expanding Capacity for Street Outreach and Violence Interruption Services** to expand current street outreach and violence interruption services to the following six high priority community areas: Chatham, Greater Grand Crossing, Lower West Side, South Chicago, Washington Park, and Woodlawn. The program's goal is to reduce violence, injury, and lethal outcomes.

A total of \$2,400,000 will be available through this RFP with average awards of \$400,000 for an initial contract beginning July 16, 2022, through December 31, 2022 with possibly two, 12-month extensions, for the same amount. The funds available through this opportunity are from a combination of corporate, Community Development Block Grant—CARES funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and American Recovery Plan funding. Eligible respondents are not-for-profit organizations in good standing with the city that have physical office space located within the City of Chicago. See the RFP for full details on eligibility and service opportunities.

As a prioritized intervention, Street Outreach is defined as actively working to engage individuals who are at a high risk of being either a victim or perpetrator of violence in settings such as parks, homes, street corners, schools, hospitals, community centers, and other public spaces. Street Outreach staff focus on relationship building with high-risk individuals to promote peace through mediating current and potential conflicts. They also connect participants to supports for themselves and their families. Respondents should be committed to participating in structured training, network wide coordination of effort, technical supports, and program reporting and evaluation to ensure best practices and optimize program outcomes.

Interested respondents can access **RFP #8571 Expanding Capacity for Street Outreach and Violence Interruption Services** online via the City's Procurement services at <https://cutt.ly/NwgRvgn> to establish a profile, review the RFP, and submit the application by the deadline on July 5 at 12:00 pm (noon) CST.

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